

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Our democracy depends upon an open and free wheeling discourse that is facilitated by a multiplicity of media voices. Further consolidation is counter to the goal of multiple voices, no matter what industry says. Consolidation did not lower cable rates; it did not diversify the content of radio stations; it did not bring competition to local phone markets. Don't be fooled again; and especially, don't fool yourselves. If TV is the Trojan Horse of democracy, further deregulation of ownership caps is the neutron bomb of democracy.